

Turn Dreams Into Reality With the Seven Laws of Increase

Like a tree, our dreams need essential nutrients to grow—the Seven Laws of Increase are those nutrients.

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Have you ever found yourself in the place where you were believing one of God's promises of provision while standing in the midst of financial lack, and instead of getting out of your problems, you were only sinking deeper? I understood that God had riches in glory and that the streets of Heaven were paved with gold.

I also had no doubt about His ability to provide, or of the abundance He possessed. However, what I wanted to know was how to get some of the riches into the temporal realm so I could deposit them in my bank account and pay some very real bills with them.

As I walked through a wooded section of our property, I came across a large, sturdy, cedar tree. As I stood there admiring its strength and beauty, I heard God ask me, "Where did the tree get its wood from?" I had no answer, so I said nothing.

Then He gently said to my heart, "*When you learn where the tree gets its wood from, you will know how to get the riches in glory into tangible form.*" Using Scriptural parallels, I pieced together these seven laws of increase:

Law #1 — Good Soil *Prepare Your Heart*

The first element necessary to produce a tree is soil. Soil must be prepared to receive the seed, and Jesus compares the soil to our hearts. The first law of increase is to prepare your heart.

Law #2 — Seed *Receive the Dream*

To produce a tree, the second element is, of course, the seed itself. Jesus compared His Word to a seed that the Sower sows in your heart. The second law of increase is to receive the dream in seed form.

Law #3 — Good Nutrients *Renew Your Mind*

The third element necessary to produce a tree is a good supply of nutrients. What we believe about God's Word will significantly impact the result in our lives. Therefore, the third law of increase is to renew your mind.

Law #4 — Good Water *Soak in the Word of God*

Of utmost importance in producing a tree is water, the fourth element. In Scripture, water is a type of the Word and the Spirit. Soaking in the Word is the fourth law of increase.

Law #5 — Sunlight *Seek God for Revelation*

The next critical element necessary to produce a tree is light. What is light but a revelation of God's will for you to guide you through life? He gives that revelation through His Word, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The fifth law of increase is to seek God for a revelation.

#6 — Warmth *Walk in Love*

Plants must have warmth to grow. What is warmth if it isn't love? Scripture says, "Faith worketh by love." Love in action is the result of true faith. The sixth law of increase is to walk in love.

#7 — Good Air *Convert Trial to Triumph*

The seventh critical element necessary for producing a tree is air. A tree breathes in carbon dioxide, then separates the carbon from the oxygen and releases the life-giving oxygen back into the air for us to breathe. Life often gives us carbon dioxide to breathe instead of pure oxygen, so we need to continually separate the good from the bad. Law number seven, therefore, is to convert trial to triumph.

When you plant the Word of God in a receptive heart, cultivated with good attitudes, regularly soaking in the water of God's Word in an environment of warmth, and seize the opportunity in every adversity, seeds will become trees and dreams will become realities. *That* is where the tree gets its wood.

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